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MEMORANDUM FOR THE STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE:

Subject: Psychological Warfare.

Reference: SWNCC 304/8 dated 30 September 1947.

The Central Intelligence Agency approves SWNCC 304/8 dated 30 September 1947 subject to the following provisions:

1. In view of the fact that the functioning of the National Security Council is still undetermined, and the fact that SWNCC is now being reconstituted, I recommend that the decision of determining the agency to whom the Psychological Warfare Agency shall be accountable be deferred at this time. When the question does arise, however, I recommend that study and thought be given to assigning accountability of the Psychological Warfare Agency to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

2. The paper envisages guidance for a Psychological Warfare Agency which will be established in time of war or threat of war as determined by the President. I am of the opinion that conditions now indicate that psychological warfare measures be instituted now as a matter of urgency. I, therefore, recommend that the ~~SWNCC~~ Sub-committee undertake a study and submit recommendations on the problem "Should the U. S. at the present utilize psychological warfare measures in furtherance of the attainment of its National objectives."

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